GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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LIFE EXPECTANCY IN WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of current life expectancy of women in India, State-wise;

(b) whether the life-expectancy rate of women in the country is much lower than other developing countries of Asia;

(c) if so, a comparative data of the same with reference to the countries i.e. China, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Thailand andPhilippines; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve life expectancy of women in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) As per the report of the Technical Committee on Population Projections Constituted by Planning Commission 1996, the life expectancy of women in India, state wise for the year 2001-06 is annexed.

(b) & (c): A comparative statement showing life expectancy of women as per UNFPA publicationnamed `The State of World Population` 2002 is given below:

India	64.9
China	73.5
Malaysia	75.5
Philippines	72.0
Sri Lanka	75.9
Thailand	73.8

(d) Major initiatives being taken to raise female life expectancy in the country include enhancing availability of basic Health Care Services, Essential obstetric care, Emergency obstetric care, 24 hour delivery services, Referral Transport for pregnant women, MTP facilities, Dai Training and RCH Camps

Annexure-I
LIFE EXPECTANCY OF WOMEN

Major States/India	2001-2006
Andhra Pradesh	65.00
Assam	60.87
Bihar	64.79
Gujarat	64.10
Haryana	69.30
Karnataka	66.44
Kerala	75.00
Madhya Pradesh	58.01
Maharashtra	69.76
Orissa	59.71
Punjab	72.00
Rajasthan	62.80
Tamil Nadu	69.75
Uttar Pradesh	64.09
West Bengal	69.34
INDIA	66.91

Source: Report of the Technical Group on Population Projection 1996